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(The President subsequently appointed Messrs. Brinton, Prime, Morehouse, Greene and Cattell).

Dr. Morris moved to refer the resolution to Council with directions to report upon the same at the next meeting of the Society.

Dr. Morris' motion, being put to a vote, was lost.

The original motion then being put, was carried.

And the Society was adjourned by the President.

Stated Meeting, December 7, 1894.

President, Mr. FRALEY, in the Chair.

Correspondence was submitted as follows:

Letters of envoy were received from the Institut Egyptien, Cairo; Australasian Association for Advancement of Science, Adelaide; Royal Society of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia; Verein für Schlesische Insektenkunde, Schlesische Gesellschaft für Vaterländische Cultur, Breslau, Prussia; Vogtländische Alterthumsforschende Verein, Hohenleuben, Saxony; M. de Nadaillac, Paris, France; Royal Observatory, Greenwich, England; Zoölogical and Statistical Societies, London, England; Dr. Isaac Roberts, Starfield, Crowborough, Sussex, England; Bureau of Statistics of Labor, Boston, Mass.; American Academy of Medicine, Easton, Pa.; Prof. J. P. Lesley, Philadelphia; Committee on Finance, U. S. Senate, U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey, Washington, D.C.; Agricultural Experiment Stations, Lake City, Fla., New Orleans, La., College Station, Tex.; Fort Collins, Colo., St. Anthony Park, Minn., Tucson, Ariz.; Kansas Academy of Science, Topeka; Dirección General de Estadística, Mexico, Mexico.

Accessions to the Library were reported from the Australasian Association for the Advancement of Science, Adelaide; Government Museum, Madras, India; K. P. Akademie der

Wissenschaften, Berlin, Prussia; Nassauische Verein für Naturkunde, Wiesbaden, Prussia; Biblioteca N. C. di Firenze, Italia; Marquis de Nadaillac, M. Levasseur, Paris, France; Meteorological Office, London, England; Dr. Isaac Roberts, Starfield, Crowborough, Sussex, England; Royal Observatory, Cape of Good Hope, Africa; H. G. Pearson Memorial Committee, New York; American Academy of Medicine, Easton, Pa.; Miss Elizabeth Harvey Morison, Philadelphia; Committee on Finance, Washington, D. C.; Public Library, Cincinnati, O.; Director of the Field Columbian Museum, Chicago, Ill.; Dirección General de Estadística, Mexico, Mexico; Agricultural Experiment Stations, New Haven, Conn., Byran, Tex., Auburn, Ala.

Mr. Charles A. Rutter presented to the Cabinet, through Dr. J. C. Morris, photographs of the Mexican Sacrificial Stone and Mexican Calendar Stone.

Dr. Charles S. Dolley read an obituary notice of the late John M. Maisch.

The following deaths were announced:

Rev. James McCosh (Princeton, N. J.), November 16, 1894, æt. 83.

Hon. Robert C. Winthrop (Boston, Mass.), November 16, 1894, æt. 85.

The following amendments to the Laws laid over from the last meeting were considered and being put to a vote were carried unanimously, a constitutional quorum being present and voting.

Sections 9 and 10, Chapter I, were put to a vote and carried as follows:

"SECTION 9. Such members as reside within *thirty* miles of the hall of the Society, and such other members as desire to vote at the meetings and elections, shall pay an admission fee of ten dollars, and annually thereafter, on the first Friday of January, a contribution of five dollars. The payment of *one hundred dollars* at one time, by a member not in arrears, shall exempt him from all future annual payments.

"SECTION 10. Members-elect residing within thirty miles of the hall shall lose the right of membership unless they subscribe the Laws and pay their admission fee within one year after their election. Any member liable to an annual contribution, who shall neglect or refuse to pay the same for the term of two years, shall be notified by the Treasurer in

writing, on or before the second Friday in January after such default, that his rights as a member are suspended ; and, in case the said arrears, together with the contribution due on the first Friday in January after such notice, shall not be paid to the Treasurer on or before the said last-named day, the membership of such defaulting member shall be forfeited, his name stricken from the roll, and reported to the Society by the Treasurer."

Chapter IX, Section 3, was amended and carried as follows :

"SECTION 3. *Twenty* qualified voters present at any stated or special meeting shall be a quorum, and be competent to elect members, dispose of property, appropriate money, and award premiums ; but no property shall be alienated or encumbered, except by the vote of three-fourths of the qualified voters present, and given at two successive stated meetings. For the transaction of the ordinary business, the reception and reference of communications on literary, scientific or other subjects, the members present shall be deemed competent to act, and, in the absence of qualified voters, shall form a quorum."

Chapter VII, Section 7, was amended and carried as follows :

"SECTION 7. The President and Senior Secretary of the Society shall be, *ex-officio*, the President and Clerk at their meetings ; and *seven* of their number shall be a quorum."

On motion the Committee was discharged.

The following report was presented from the Committee appointed November 16, 1894, to report a new method of electing members :

The Committee appointed by resolution of the Society dated November 16, to report desirable alterations in the By-Laws touching the election of members, recommend as follows :

That Sections 2, 3 and 4 of Chapter I of the Laws of the Society be repealed, and that in their place the following laws be substituted :

"2. A Standing Committee on Resident Membership shall be elected by the Society, on the third Friday in January, to consist of six members, the term of office of two of whom shall expire each year, and none of whom shall be eligible for immediate re-election ; the function of which Committee shall be to examine carefully the claims of each candidate offered for membership, and to which Committee all nominations for membership shall be sent, signed by at least three members of the Society, none of whom shall be members of the Committee on Nominations.

"3. That at the meeting of the Society previous to that assigned for the election of members, the Committee on Nominations shall report to the Society on all nominations which were received by it previous to its last meeting, reporting which candidates received an affirmative vote of at least four out of the six members of the Committee, and which candidates received less than that number ; and this report shall be printed and sent,

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under seal, to each resident member of the Society, at least one week before the evening of the election; provided, however, that said Committee, before reporting to the Society the names of any candidates who have received less than four affirmative votes, shall notify the proposers of such candidates, in order that their names may be withdrawn, if their proposers so desire.

"4. Nominations for non-resident membership shall be signed by at least three members of the Society who are not of Council, and sent in to the Board of Officers and Council, who shall recommend for election such as they deem desirable, and the election of such shall be in the same manner and at the same time as above specified for resident members."

And to add to Section 6, of Chapter I, these words:

"And any candidate shall be deemed duly chosen who shall have received in his favor a majority of the votes cast."

D. G. BRINTON, *Chairman*,
FREDERICK PRIME,
GEORGE R. MOREHOUSE,
W. C. CATTELL,
WILLIAM H. GREENE.

The same was ordered to be made the special order of business for the next meeting, notice thereof to be sent to the members.

The Committee on Dr. Cope's Paper reported favorably on its publication and was discharged.

The Committee on Collation reported, and was indefinitely continued.

Pending nominations Nos. 1273, 1274, 1276-1303 (inclusive) were read, new nomination 1304 was read, and the Society was adjourned by the President.

Stated Meeting, December 21, 1894.

President, Mr. FRALEY, in the Chair.

Correspondence was submitted as follows:

A circular letter was received from the R. Accademia di Scienze Lettere ad Arti, Modena, Italy, announcing the prizes which have been awarded during 1893-94. Also one from